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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 11-16-53

WEATHER Temperatures were considerably milder than normal for this season of year, with the greatest excess in average temperature over the north-central portion of the state, where the average was about 10° above normal. There was no precipitation. Humidity was rather high and there was considerable fog or cloudiness over the central and eastern portions of the state. There was little wind.

CROPS Wheat made considerable improvement in most of the western two-thirds of the state from the rain and snow that occurred during the first week of the month. Moisture generally ranged from one to two inches. A few counties received over a foot of snow. The mild weather following the snow stimulated growth. Counties bordering the Nebraska-Wyoming line and a few other spots were a little short but generally this moisture put the wheat in good condition for the winter.

The condition of the wheat is not nearly as good in the eastern third of the state. Sarpy, Cass, Otoe and most of Lancaster county have the poorest wheat outlook. There is some question as to its survival in this area. Except for two or three counties, the precipitation during the first week of the month was very short. Moisture is needed badly throughout all of the eastern third of the state.

Corn yielded a little better than expected earlier. There is some indication that the final estimate may exceed the November 1 estimate of 204 million bushels. The October 1 stocks of corn totaled 33 million bushels or almost three times the stocks a year earlier and only slightly below the 10-year average.

Shipments of potatoes have been increasing but are still very slow. The price has been low. The top price so far was \$1.35 for bin-run potatoes. There were a few scattered reports of unharvested sugar beets.

The moisture has improved some of the pasture in southern and eastern Nebraska. Most of the corn stalk fields are being pastured. Some wheat is being pastured and the present outlook is for more wheat pasture if weather remains mild.

LIVESTOCK Some counties are reporting an increased interest in hog production. One county reported weaned fall pigs selling up to \$20 a head. The cattle feeding situation pointed to reduced feeding up to November 1. Shipments to the country have been less. The indications are that sheep and lamb feeding in the North Platte Valley will be reduced. Feeder lambs are high priced.

SPECIAL An optimistic report from northern Dundy county written November 16 says: "We have had the most wonderful snow and rain and to make it perfect, mild temperatures brought up the wheat that had been lying in the dust. Wheat that had come up is a perfect meadow now. A peculiar fact of the storm is that it came from the southeast and formed large snow drifts on the south side of buildings. Cuts on the highway south of Enders Dam were higher than the car tops last Friday. Unfortunately, southern Dundy county was on the short end of the moisture again."

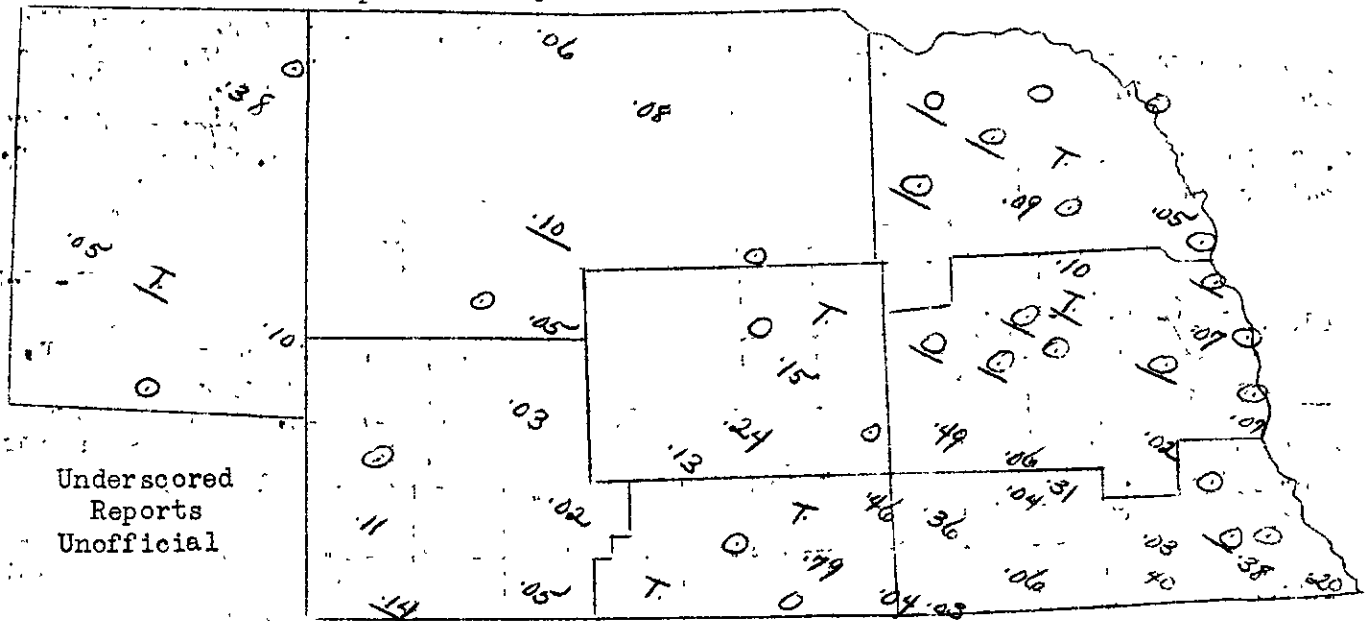
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 16, 1953

No precipitation from any of the thirteen stations for week ending Monday, November 16.

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending November 13, 1953



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		November		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	65	28	57	19	66	26	74	41	74	35	77	--	74	34		
	Scottsbluff	69	25	58	28	59	26	72	32	74	35	77	--	71	38		
	Sidney	65	30	58	25	54	32	65	32	73	32	75	--	73	37		
N-C	Burwell	47	20	--	--	33	28	54	28	64	30	72	31	79	36		
	Valentine	63	30	56	24	48	29	67	38	76	37	78	40	77	37		
NE	Norfolk	52	27	--	31	43	26	46	37	64	32	70	35	76	34		
	Sioux City	51	27	60	34	50	25	45	33	65	34	69	35	73	36		
CEN.	Grand Island	46	29	--	30	40	28	43	32	61	33	68	37	71	40		
	Lexington	47	20	59	24	35	29	47	27	54	27	70	--	73	35		
E-C	Lincoln	48	36	57	31	49	29	45	37	67	41	66	45	66	44		
	Omaha	48	33	--	31	53	34	60	37	70	42	69	43	70	43		
SW	Imperial	51	28	56	24	43	25	60	28	71	31	73	--	72	36		
	North Platte	46	20	--	24	37	29	55	27	64	26	71	25	76	30		

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